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Two FESTUCA VARIETIES.— The following note refers to two somewhat unusual varieties of *Festuca*.

Festuca ovina hispidula. At Franklin, Connecticut, on a dry, steep, otherwise rather barren hillside, this variety is abundant, in association with the typical form of the species. The tufts of the variety are about as numerous as those of the species. In some specimens the lemmas are uniformly hirsute, while in others the stiff pubescence is more dense toward the margins of the lemmas. The same variety occurs at Orange, Connecticut, where occasional tufts are found over a considerable area of sandy plain. The writer collected it at Orange, June 9, 1914. Professor A. S. Hitchcock has kindly verified specimens from both towns. Festuca rubra subvillosa. Several years ago the writer reported this variety from Franklin.¹ Almost every season since, it has been noticed at a new locality in Franklin and specimens have been collected from open woodlands, rich pastures, dry hillsides, hayfields, where it is often abundant, house lawns, barren gravel knolls and wet meadows. A variety so widely distributed in one town may very likely be found in other towns if search is made for it. Specimens of the above have been deposited in the Gray Herbarium.

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¹ Rhodora, xiii. 70 (1911).

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